

Dredging of Everett Harbor to begin this week

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SEATTLE -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District announces that maintenance dredging in the Harbor will begin Wednesday.

Roy D. Garren Construction of Roseburg, Ore., will begin in the upstream channel using its 12-inch hydraulic pipeline dredge *Nehalem* with placement of about 80,000 cubic yards of sand in the City of Everett upland re-handling site. Around Feb. 1, the dredge will move to a downstream channel reach to dredge about 35,000 cubic yards of clean dredged materials to be placed beneficially at Jetty Island. This waterway maintenance should conclude by Feb. 14.

One of the Seattle District's primary missions is to maintain the navigation channels and harbors in the Pacific Northwest. Maintenance and navigation dredging is done frequently in harbor areas, ports and marinas. A significant component of Washington's economy depends on safe navigation and commerce, which in turn depends on dredging the federal channels, such as the Everett Harbor & Snohomish River.